

HOUSE RESOLUTION 283  
By Williams (Unio)

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Leon Harvey upon his prowess as a worm fiddler.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay homage to those exemplary citizens who delight in exploring and making new discoveries in nature; and

WHEREAS, Leon Harvey, an accomplished expert at worm fiddling, is most assuredly one such deserving citizen; and

WHEREAS, Leon Harvey lives in Sharps Chapel, where he was born and raised; and

WHEREAS, a heavy equipment operator for the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, he began worm fiddling in 1957 after seeing that the tremors transmitted by his bulldozer drove earthworms to the top of the ground; and

WHEREAS, during optimum conditions - warm weather, wet soil - Harvey's fiddling technique can be amazingly productive: twenty worms at one site is about average, but 100 worms are not unheard of; and

WHEREAS, Harvey uses the worms he fiddles up as catfish bait; it seems the worms stay on the hook better than nightcrawlers and the slime they exude glows in the dark; and

WHEREAS, as a worm fiddler, Mr. Harvey remains a purist; not for him are such newfangled techniques as driving metal stakes in the ground and connecting them to car

batteries. The only equipment he takes to the woods is a handsaw and a five-gallon bucket; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harvey states that: "The best time to fiddle up worms is when the blackberries are in full bloom - same time as when the catfish start hitting"; and

WHEREAS, some people say that the sound Mr. Harvey makes with his handsaw while cutting dead wood as he fiddles for worms is similar to the sound of music; and

WHEREAS, the fine art of worm fiddling is certainly music to the ears of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend Leon Harvey upon his prowess as a worm fiddler, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in his future expeditions in nature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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